(b) The main features of the Family Welfare Programme are:—

(i) Maternal and Child Health care (including immunisation).

(ii) Contraceptive services like male and female sterilisation, IUDs, Oral Pills and Condoms.

(iii) Demand generation through information, Education and Communication activities.

Racket in Fake Excise Duty Rebate Claims

888. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Central Excise and the Central Bureau of Investigation have unearthed a multi-crore racket relating to fake excise duty rebate claims, as reported in the Times of India, New Delhi dated March, 30, 1996;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some persons have been arrested in this connection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir, A few cases of prima facie fraudulent excise rebate claims have been detected by the Central Excise Officers and have been referred to Central Bureau of Investigation for necessary action under the provisions of Indian Penal Code. The amount involved is, of the order of Rs. 1.96 crores.

(b) Five persons have been arrested in this regard.

(c) In these cases rebate claims have been found to be availed on the basis of forged and bogus documents like AR4, Shipping Bill, Bill of Lading and Invoices evidencing the payment of duty including forging of signatures and seal of Central Excise Officials. Necessary action will be taken for recovery of the amount including the penal actions as per law.

Emergency services for Heart Patients in District and Sub-Divisional Hospitals in M.P.

889. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district and sub-divisional hospitals in the State of Madhya Pradesh having primary treatment facilities including emergency services for heart patients with details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the district and sub-divisional hospitals in the State do not have the facilities; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to ensure that in each such hospital, the primary treatment for the heart patients is compulsorily available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) 'Health' being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to provide primary treatment facilities including emergency services for heart patients in the district and sub-divisional hospitals keeping in view their priorities and availability of resources.

Government of India have launched a Pilot Project for Control of Cardio-vascular Diseases since 1995-96 which are being implemented in a phased manner in various parts of the country. Besdies promotive, preventive services, the programme aims at strengthening the District Hospitals for back up services also.